

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0015 starting on page 3, with the following paragraph:

As shown in FIGURES 2 and 4, the container 12 of the preferred embodiments functions to hold cargo. In typical situations, the cargo is extra luggage that is too big, or outdoor equipment that is too sullied, for the interior compartment of the vehicle. Because the cargo system 10 requires significantly less time to secure on and remove from the roof rack than a typical cargo system, the cargo may alternatively be any equipment that is preferably kept together. To hold cargo, the container 12 of the preferred embodiments defines an enclosed cavity 26. The container 12 of alternative embodiments may, however, define other appropriate shapes to hold specific cargo, such as skis, boards, and poles. The container 12 can be made with different shapes and materials. In a first variation (shown in FIGURE 2), the container 12 includes a bag 28 made from a flexible material (such as PVC coated nylon) with a zipper 30, drawstring, or other suitable closure that cooperates with the bag 28 to define the enclosed cavity 26. In this variation, the container 12 may resemble a duffel bag. In another variation (shown in FIGURE 4), the container 12 includes a tub portion 32 made from a rigid material (such as an ABS plastic) and a lid portion 34. The lid portion 34 can be made from a flexible material (such as canvas) and fastened to the tub portion 32, or can be made from a rigid material (such as ABS plastic) and either hinged or removably fastened to the tub portion 32. The tub portion 32 and the lid portion 34 cooperatively define the enclosed cavity 26. In this variation, the container 12 may resemble a suitcase. As demonstrated, the container 12 can be made with any suitable shape and material to hold cargo.